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Skaters win in Vegreville

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GRAND CHALLENGE WINNERS in the 20th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel who accepted the Shamrock Valley Enterprises trophies from Murry Nielsen were (left to right) Dave Dwan, Greg Dwan, Irven Courts and Rob Hellum of Silverline Insulators, winners over (front, left to right) Tuboscope rinkmates Leonard Gadowski, John Regnier, Owen Gibson and Glen Ockerman.

■ Up Front

Chamber AGM postponed to Wednesday, February 19

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has postponed their Annual General Meeting, originally scheduled for tomorrow evening, February 5, until Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m., due to the Town of Elk Point's Town Hall Meeting on February 5. This will allow local residents and business

people to attend both functions.

The Chamber will hold a regular luncheon meeting at 12:00 noon tomorrow at the Empress banquet room.

The Annual Meeting will include annual reports, as well as election of the executive for the coming year. The current executive has

expressed willingness to serve for a second term, however nominations for all positions can still be made from the floor at the meeting.

The business community is urged to attend the Annual Meeting, and give their input into 2003 membership fees, meeting dates and upcoming projects.

Exciting finish for 20th Annual Oilmen's bonspiel

The 20th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel was a nail-biter to the very end, as the Grand Challenge game went into an extra end, keeping the audience on the edge of their seats with every rock.

Fittingly enough, Leonard Gadowski, who as Bonspiel Committee chairman, was involved in every step of the planning and carrying out the details for the massive event, was in the thick of the action.

Skipping the Tuboscope rink against Dave Dwan and the Silverline Insulators crew, Gadowski missed a vital shot in the ninth end of the final, but managed to tie the score with a well placed rock in the tenth, sending the action into overtime. His final rock of the game curled tidily into a semicircle of yellow Silverline rocks, barely visible to Dwan, who sent his unerring final rock in hot pursuit to win the championship.

Curling with Dwan were Greg Dwan, Irven Courts and Rob Hellum, while Gadowski curled with John Regnier, Owen Gibson and Glen Ockerman. The SOS Oil Tools rink finished third in the Heavy Oil first event, with Sandpiper fourth.

National Oilwell's Dale Swryipa, Norm Watts, Doug MacMillan and Clayton Anderson won the Tarsands trophies presented by Lyle Frisby in the second event, defeating Brent Grieve, Ned Brand, Joe Breland and Jeff Willick of Heat Seekers. Talaca Oilfield Consulting was third and Tarsands own rink fourth in the event.

The Huff and Puff third event, sponsored by Weatherford / BMW Products and Services, went to Technichrome, skipped by Troy Lorenson, who curled with Arne Glambeck, George Ward and Jason Jenner to a win over Xtreme Oilfield Service's Noel Looy, Ted Graling, Jim Mistol and Eugene Labant. Lloydminster Heavy Crude was third and Jorvik Machine Tool and Welding fourth in the event.

The Thermal Flood fourth event was the shortest of the final games, with last year's Grand Challenge champions, the Guardian Chemicals Inc. rink skipped by Clarence Romanick and including Brian Wittmack, Gerry Croteau and Jeff Thackeray, making short work of their defeat of BMW Lloydminster's Sean Stewart, Dean Lypkie, Werner Schmitt and Kelly Wright for the B & R Eckels trophies. Trican Well

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Bill Jennissen named EPOA's first Oilman of the Year

Bill Jennissen was named the Elk Point Oilmen's Association's very first Oilman of the Year on Saturday night, during banquet festivities of the Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel.

Murray Cochrane told the crowd that the award recipient started his oilpatch career over 40 years ago, working for Flint on a pipeline. He joined Pan Canadian Petroleum, working in Bassano and in Brooks, where he became a production foreman and acting superintendent. The Jennissens moved to Elk Point in 1985.

"Our recipient always had a way of getting people's attention," Cochrane said. "He liked to walk into the coffee room and tell people, 'Get to work!'" Jennissen was "a full supporter of Pan Canadian's ball and hockey

tournaments, and always arranged time off for the players. He was very competitive."

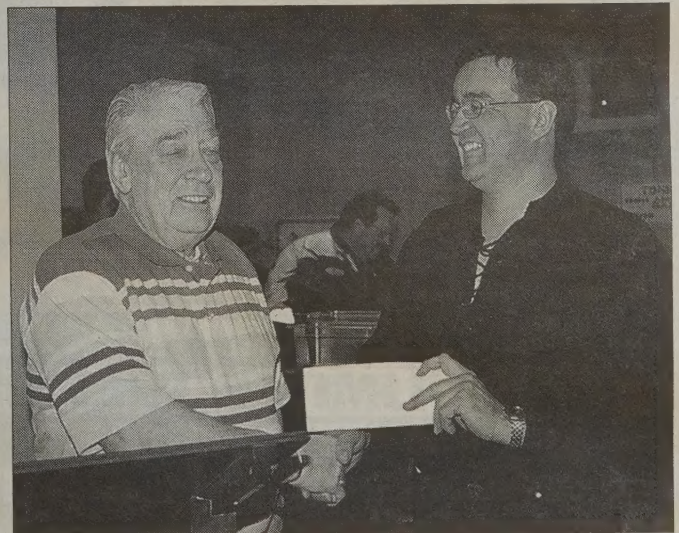
Jennissen retired from Pan Canadian after seven years in Elk Point, and decided to stay here. His community involvement includes coaching senior hockey and serving on the Elks Hockey executive, and membership in the Elks Lodge and Masonic Lodge. He is currently working in the oil industry as a consultant.

Jennissen said it was "a great honor to accept this first annual Oilman of the Year award. I'm sure a lot of people are equally qualified. I am very honored to have this recognition."

Three other long time members of the Elk Point Oilmen's Association were also honored Saturday night. Lyle Frisby presented

engraved silver tankards and lifetime memberships to Marshall Kachmar, Russ Hebblethwaite and Arthur Lypka for their many years of effort with the organization.

The evening also saw recognition for the Oilmen's Bonspiel committee. Chairman Leonard Gadowski said "it's an honor to have the Oilmen's Bonspiel in this town. It's as big a deal as we have the whole year, and we take it seriously." He introduced fellow executive members Dallan Wandler, Terry Gusnowski, Bryce Lorenson, Clark Sittler, Lyle Frisby and Don Mudryk, who he said "did an outstanding job." Gadowski also thanked the sponsors: "If we don't have sponsors, we don't have a bonspiel," and the curlers for taking part in the very successful 20th anniversary event.



OILMAN OF THE YEAR - Bill Jennissen proudly accepted the Elk Point Oilmen's Association's first-ever Oilman of the Year award from a beaming Murray Cochrane at the Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel banquet and dance on Saturday night at the Elks Hall. Longtime Oilmen's members were also honored during the evening.

community NEWS

Water study shows climate change instrumental in dropping Muriel Lake water level

Climate change has been the largest factor in the drop in Muriel Lake's water levels, hydrologists from Komex International Ltd. told a packed crowd at the Lakeland Industry and Community Association's (LICA) Regional Environmental Water Monitoring Committee meeting in Elk Point last Thursday.

Senior hydrologist Jon W. Fennell, M.Sc., P. Geol., and hydrologist Alexi Zawadzki, M.E.S., assistant manager of Komex's Surface Water Group, presented a comprehensive draft report on the lake's decline.

Muriel's water levels have been decreasing

steadily - at the rate of 12 cm per year - since the mid-1970s, and according to one area resident, have dropped 14 vertical feet since 1961. The lake's shape has also changed drastically over the years. One person in the crowd said the area now covered by Muriel was three individual lakes in the 1940, while another attendee said the lake used to discharge water in the spring, but hasn't done so in 20 years. A weir, such as was installed in Moose Lake to stop outflow, wouldn't help, because the traditional outflow is well above the current water level. Old aerial maps showed Cushing Lake flowing into Reita

Lake and then into Muriel, but this also is a thing of the past. Bluet and Garnier Lakes, which once drained to Muriel, have shrunk to a lesser degree, presumably because of their smaller surface area.

The hydrologists noted that groundwater flows both in and out of the lake bottom, and "could be part of the reason for decreasing levels." Agricultural diversion and increased water well development may also have played a role.

The Komex study looked at evaporation, precipitation, estimated groundwater recharge and runoff, and came to the conclusion that

because the lake is huge in surface area, evaporation plays a significant role. Zawadzki says approximately 500 mm evaporates in an average year, and "the largest loss of water in Alberta is due to temperature and wind." Although Alberta Environment and Environment Canada data indicates there has been a decrease in evaporation since 1974, "I don't think that's the case."

The lake is also huge compared to its watershed, and that watershed has undergone major changes. Satellite images from 1976 and 2002 show a vast area, especially in the Muriel Lake watershed area, has been deforested, Zawadzki pointed out, noting that the forest blocks radiation and wind, and "stores water like a big sponge. Environment Canada says [deforestation] could reduce runoff to zero."

Removal of forests could also change water quality, as more sediment reaches creeks, and can also affect

groundwater quality and the fauna in water bodies. In the water cycle, "if you change one parameter, you change the whole equation," Fennell said.

The Komex report concludes that there have been "significant changes in climate," with decreased precipitation, shorter winters and changes in hydrology. There is less flow of groundwater, and the surface area is going down. Human use of water "doesn't have an effect on the flow rate - that's a natural phenomenon," Fennell said, adding that industry "is not a driving influence in this situation."

Zawadzki said groundwater comes from aquifer channels 20 to 160 meters thick, and is moderate in quality. Four industrial wells and a "considerable" number of domestic wells have been drilled since 1975, but the hydrologist concludes this is not a major factor in the drop in lake level. "The changes are consistent with precipitation levels."

The information from the past has provided a good base for further studies, and stepped up monitoring in the future has been suggested. Zawadzki said "turning Muriel Lake into a research watershed would be very useful... another piece of the puzzle." Fennell suggested a water quality awareness program to provide guidance, and encouraged everyone to "take ownership of your wells and what can happen to them. Understand what you have and manage it accordingly. The water belongs to all of you."

Preston McEachern of the Alberta Lake Management Society was unable to be on hand to present his volunteer lake monitoring reports on Laurier, Moose, Angling and Marie Lakes, but sent along drafts which are available through LICA. Reports on Bluet, Garnier and Kehewin Lakes will be available in the future.

LICA's annual meeting will be held on March 19 in Bonnyville.

CRIME STOPPERS

On January 10, 2003, a break, enter and theft occurred at a housing storage building across from the band offices in Frog Lake. The incident likely occurred in the early morning hours and as there appeared to be no forced entry from the outside, it appears as though the suspect(s) had a key. Once inside the building, suspect(s) broke the lock off the door leading to an inside storage room. It was here that a number of items were stolen, including a white John Wood gas heater with blue trim, a green Meyers pump tank combination (model HJ 33), a light

Equipment theft at Frog Lake

green deep well pressure tank, and an orange colored T3 mini router sewer snake with a belt driven motor and 75-foot cables. The total value of the loss was approximately \$3000.

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LRHA looks to finalize finances before it's finished

By Todd MacKay
St. Paul Journal

Some hopeful rays are peeping through as the door closes on the Lakeland Regional Health Authority (LRHA). The authority, slated to disappear into the new Region 7 on April 1, held a meeting between the board and Deputy Health and Wellness Minister Dr. Roger Palmer to iron out final finances on January 31.

"We'll never have our business plan finalized," says LRHA chair Ernie Isley. "The key

thing is how much deficit do we end up with that may or may not have to be carried by the various regions we end up going into.

"We're getting fairly close to finding what the final numbers are going to be."

After the meeting with Palmer, Isley found reason for optimism on several points. New numbers regarding assured access funding, which is to guarantee availability of health care in rural settings, are expected later this week, says Isley. He says there's also an

opportunity for the authority to get new dollars under the heading of structural deficit.

The point the authority is now pressing is an audit of the import/export ratio of health dollars that follow patients to authorities such as Capital in Edmonton when patients go there for care. A private analyst hired by the LRHA is examining long term, in-patient and ambulance funding in conjunction with Alberta Health and Wellness staff, according to Isley. Results from that audit are expected in the coming weeks.

"We've got a pretty strong commitment from the current deputy to clean up any of the things we find in the import/export audit," says Isley.

"If we can achieve that, rural Alberta should be a little better off."

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CO-OP COFFEE PROCEEDS - Elk Point Co-op manager Dwayne Odgaard presents Leanne Vinge of Jack and Jill Playschool with a cheque for \$214 from the store's Maxwell House Coffee sales promotion. Hayley Vinge tries out the Co-op's latest addition, a truck-styled grocery cart which is sure to be a huge hit with the store's youngest shoppers.

Registrations coming in for Trade Show

Registrations are already coming in as businesses throughout northeast Alberta declare their intentions to be part of the 2003 Elk Point Trade Show, slated for the April 11 to 13 weekend.

The A. G. Ross Arena Operating Committee, with assistance from REACH Corporation, has sent invitations to local businesses and those in neighboring communities with information on becoming part of the business development and direct sales exposition they have planned.

Organizers say the Trade Show will be an opportunity to showcase products and services to residents of the region, and to make those products and services directly available to an anticipated three-day audience in excess of 3000 persons. They feel this is a good way to make area residents aware of what is available in the area in terms of not only products and services, but also will point out pricing competitiveness and the advantages of dealing with local suppliers.

Approximately 100 booths will be located in the arena, and there will also be outdoor exhibit space for vehicles, machinery and

recreational vehicles, etc.

A maximum of 20 tables will also be available for local crafters during the show.

Entertainment for all ages, as well as a variety of demonstrations, are also being planned for the busy weekend, and organizers hope to have special fun activities on site for the youngest Trade Show visitors.

Elk Point's last trade show was held in 1998.

For further information and details on registration, please call Lana at 724-2983 or Cindy at 645-5782.

Local history - there's still much more left to be explored

Elk Point Historical Society started off as an organization whose purpose was to preserve the community's past in print. Close to three decades later, they are still digging out more fascinating facts and producing new collections of information about the old days.

After completing their 'Reflections' history book and a few years later, 'Supplement to Reflections,' the Historical Society turned to new project, lobbying for preservation and development of the Fort George and Buckingham House historic site. Years of endless efforts paid off in 1992, when a full 200 years after the construction of the twin fur trade posts, a magnificent interpretive centre was opened to the public, with the Historical Society involved every step of the way.

After seeing their dreams become reality, some of the members of the Historical Society became involved in the Friends of the Forts, a sister organization which helps with fundraising and events planning for the historic site, and some became members of the Forts' government-appointed advisory board. Some members got busy with a new project: lobbying to have the abandoned railway line between Elk Point and Heinsburg become a four-season recreational trail. The County of St. Paul purchased the right-of-way and worked on preparing the trail for use, with advice and assistance from the Iron Horse Trail group which was started by a handful of Historical Society members and grew quickly with the addition of many interested individuals. With their own trail in operation and working well, they expanded their interest westward and are part of the Riverland Trail Society which is hoping to see all of the abandoned rail line between Heinsburg and Waskatenau developed for recreational use.

But what of the original Historical Society, the group formed to preserve our area's heritage? Bowing to modern times, a small contingent of members decided, with the Historical Society's blessing, to develop an Internet website which has the two original histories, Reflections and Supplement to Reflections, as an integral part. Now interested people around the world can find out the details of Elk Point's history with just a click of the computer mouse at www.elkpointhistory.ab.ca

The 'internet group' gained impetus as more and more history came to light, and the ever-enthusiastic crew decided to not only add this material to the website, but also to break into print. Beginning with a collection of Steve Andrichak's "Our Past" columns written during and after the Bicentennial of Fort George and Buckingham House, they prepared, printed and bound a handful of copies, which sold rapidly. Being able to print quantities which would meet varied demand, they were then approached by individuals interested in hav-

ing their personal memoirs or family histories printed, for example, 'Flash-back: The Heart and Mind of Margaret Bartling'. Their latest crop includes 'Echoes of World War I' by J. G. Heffernan, and reprints of two existing books, the Ferguson Flats history book and Billie Milholland's 'They Came'. The internet group is small, and would very much like to expand their membership with individuals able to volunteer some of their time to input information for future books.

The Historical Society has also spearheaded a series of annual gatherings where the public is invited to learn more about various facets of the area's history. The first dealt with the Frog Lake Rebellion, the second with the area's railroad history and last autumn's gathering with travel and trails. This year, they are considering several topics for this interesting day of presentations, including early health care, schools and churches.

The Elk Point Historical Society will hold their Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Lodge. The current executive has volunteered to stay on board for another year, so the main focus of the meeting will be a series of presentations on interesting facets of local history. Everyone with an interest in this area's history and its preservation is welcome to attend. Memberships for the coming year will be available.

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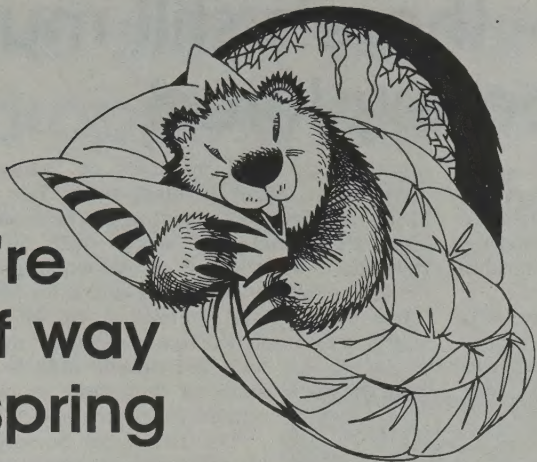
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We're half way to spring



Yesterday marked the official halfway point of winter, and depending on your viewpoint, this means that winter's cup is just a shade under half full, or just a tad more than half empty. Some of us - including farmers, gardeners, environmentalists, snowmobilers and cross-country skiers - are hoping that half full cup holds a full winter's ration of much needed snow, while the rest are just itching to see spring at the bottom of the cup.

Let's face it - this hasn't been a bad winter. We've only had a handful of nights when vehicles needed to be plugged in, and the Town has saved a goodly amount of street clearing budget for some future snowy day. Even those few occasions when the mercury plunged to temperatures which evoked memories of the "good old days" of 40° below, were just enough to remind us that it can get cold in this country, and make us question the theory of global warming.

Snow plow operators have mostly spent the winter spreading sand on the highways, and those taking care of the rural roads have even gotten in a little grading from time to time. This is not to say that they couldn't be in the same situation as their Maritimes counterparts before spring arrives - working long hours and maybe even having to resort to bulldozers to get through the worst spots - if we're lucky enough to have some big dumps of the white stuff.

On the other hand, ranchers are keeping an eye on dwindling feed stocks and fast-emptying bank accounts as they count the days until green grass starts growing. Some also have grave concerns regarding water supplies, as the drought continues to take its toll on wells and groundwater reservoirs.

Even if the groundhogs of eastern Canada, and poor old moth-eaten Balzac Billy, were unable to cast a shadow, we in north-eastern Alberta (and all the rest, no matter what they say) have 45 days to go before spring's official arrival. For those of us lucky enough to have time to pursue recreation, that's enough time for a few more hockey tournaments, a bonspiel or four, hopefully even a few snowmobile outings, and a whole lot more ice fishing before we have to worry about buckling down to spring work. Enjoy it while you can - and pray for snow!

■ Heart Month

The joy of my life was being a cardiac surgeon

By Dr. G. E. Miller

From the Kerby Centre News

I made two significant decisions early in my life, both of which had a profound effect on my life.

The first was made as a child of six or seven years of age - to become a surgeon when I grew up. The second was to ask for the hand of the woman I had come to love so deeply. These became the two loves of my life.

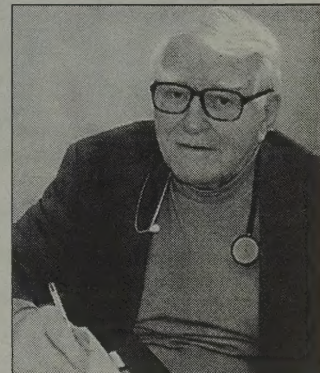
My father was a surgeon in Elk Point, Alberta, and the hospital was attached to our house. One day, when I was a small child, I peeked through the slightly open door of the operating room in which he and his partner, Dr. Ross, were correcting a patient's acute bowel problem. The obvious pleasure exhibited by the pair of surgeons at being able to correct someone's life-threatening problem streamed through the open door to my young consciousness. There and then I decided to become a surgeon.

After completing high school, I went to medical school at the University of Alberta, graduating with B.Sc. and M. D. degrees. After two years in the army, 1945-46, I went into general practice for four years to earn enough money to go to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester,

Minnesota, to learn the skills necessary for cardiovascular and thoracic surgery. Cardiac surgery was just beginning in those days, and it fascinated the medical world, including me. After four years there, I went to Minneapolis for two more years of training.

I elected to return to Calgary in 1956, practicing with the Calgary Associate Clinic. I had hoped to start a cardiovascular and thoracic program in Calgary, but at that time, none of the hospitals here were interested in such a program, as heart surgery was being done in Edmonton, not that far away. Ultimately, after doing closed-heart procedures, vascular and thoracic surgery, I was able to convince the nuns at the Holy Cross Hospital that we should proceed to open-heart surgery. Dr. John Morgan, a cardiologist who had arrived in the city in 1957 and provided the closed cases we were doing, was instrumental in helping me achieve the open-heart program.

The anesthetist, Dr. A. Kiel, was the only other person in Calgary familiar with open-heart work. We recruited nursing staff and a pump technician, and set out to teach the group the techniques of open-heart proce-



DR. G. E. MILLER in Kerby's Wellness Centre.

dures. It took two years of intense work in the evenings to prepare the staff for work on patients. The technician, Peter Fortinia, and the nurses worked voluntarily for many long hours at night preparing for the ultimate step.

In 1962, we performed our first open-heart operation on a young girl who had a hole in her heart. It was successful. She has since grown up and has three lovely children of her own.

In 1966, Stanley Goldstein joined our program as a second surgeon, and in 1969, Dr. Robert Walker returned from Cleveland to become the third surgeon. Dr. Morgan had been joined by Dr. I. R. McLean earlier, so we now had a smoothly functioning team - three surgeons, two cardiologists, and

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■ Letter to the Editor

A democratic deficit, indeed

To the Editor:

A "democratic deficit" is a new term that appeared in last week's Edmonton Journal. Preston Manning used this term as he talked about what is happening at the federal government level. That terminology made sense to me as I thought about it.

Basically, a "democratic deficit" means the people have lost the ability to assist in the process of democracy. According to the dictionary, the word "democracy" means: "government by the people." Now I understand in the process of democracy, we, the people elect representatives, and they act on behalf of us. But then, there seems to be a cover-up for what is really happening. The question of the day is: "Can and are these people able to act on behalf of the people?" In other words, are we being given the picture of what is best for the people, this government will follow? And, are we being told that this government knows how to make it all happen? Thus, once elected, they don't need to ask "the people: their views on any topic. After all, because the government is doing what is best for us, we should be grateful and accept their decisions. Wait a minute, are we being snowed?"

Let us go to another definition. The word "dictatorship" in the dictionary states a dictatorship is "autocratic rule, control or leadership, a form of government in which absolute power is concentrated in a dictator or a small clique."

You know, any government with a Minister of Health and Wellness that could make a decision of regional boundaries from one provincial border to the other border, and make this decision with the expectation that all the people in the new region #7 would accept it with grateful hearts, has overlooked something very important to democracy..

"the people." It has become obvious that this Minister is acting in the role of a dictator. It looks like he has decided to punish the rural areas of northwest and northeast Alberta. Both regions were not able to balance their budgets before and now he has put them both together so they can 'commit suicide' by not being able to balance their budgets again. After all, he has taken away any possible ways to balance the budget. He has refused to accept any possible reasons why these areas were not able to balance their budgets. It appears that when our local MLA and the chair of the Regional Health Authority tried to point out the problems, the Minister refused to listen and accept what they were saying. That is another clue of a dictator. A dictator always thinks, believes and practices in such a way that what he says and does, is the only way to go!

The next question we need to ask is: how can the Premier of our province allow this to happen? There are two easy answers to this question. 1. The Minister of Health and Wellness made his announcement when the Premier was out of the province. And 2. It is quite possible the Premier of Alberta has developed some dictator skills himself as he 'directs and leads' the province. Are we experiencing a "democratic deficit"? Yes, I am afraid we are. It has become almost impossible to approach and influence the current government. Discouragement and mistrust have become the bywords. So how do we, as a people, respond? Well, you know what? Dictators can be overthrown. So let us keep letting the government know about our feelings. Someday, and somehow, our voices will be heard. "We, the people, have spoken!"

Deanna Easthope
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TAR SANDS SECOND EVENT - National Oilwell's Dale Swryipa, Norm Watts, Doug MacMillan and Clayton Anderson won the Tarsands trophies presented by Lyle Frisby in the second event, defeating Brent Grieve, Ned Brand, Joe Breland and Jeff Willick of Heat Seekers. Talaca Oilfield Consulting was third and Tarsands own rink fourth in the event.



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THE THERMAL FLOOD FOURTH EVENT saw Bryce Lorenson present the B & R Eckels trophies to last year's Grand Challenge champions, the Guardian Chemicals Inc. rink, (left to right) Clarence Romanick, Brian Wittmack, Gerry Croteau and Jeff Thackeray, who defeated (front, left to right) BMW Lloydminster's Sean Stewart, Dean Lypkie, Werner Schmitt and Kelly Wright. Trican Well Service was third and BJ Services fourth.

Oilmen's bonspiel a huge 20th annual success

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Service placed third and B J Services fourth in the event.

Four rinks who all completed their final games at the same time in the Highway Event, had their fate determined at Saturday's banquet, when Clark Sittler drew Noralta Controls, from the hat which also contained the names of Weatherford Fishing and Wireline, Computalog and Kudu Industries. James Capjack accepted handsome slickers on behalf of his team.

Also receiving their awards on Saturday night were the winners of the Draw to the Button Competition. Twenty eight contestants were determined after the first games of the bonspiel, and played off Saturday afternoon for major prizes. Doug Gilbey of the Trican Well Service rink came within a quarter inch of dead centre to win a pressure washer. Mike Nielsen from GLM Tanks came within three and a quar-

ter inches for a satellite dish, and Adrian Ewasiuk from the Shamrock Valley rink placed third to win a gas barbecue.

As well as the curling, the weekend included comedy entertainment for the curlers on Friday night, and huge barbecue banquet and dance on Saturday night. The banquet opened with the arrival of a kilted piper, Brent Mosely, who escorted Mayor Lyle Frisby into the hall. Introduced by MC Marshall Kachmar, Mayor Frisby welcomed all the curlers and guests to Elk Point on behalf of Oilmen's Association president Dave Cousins.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the first Oilmen's Association president, Bob Paynter, and Rev. Joep Langejans remembered the space shuttle astronauts as he offered grace.

Following the meal, Kachmar gave a brief rundown on the history of the Elk Point Oilmen's Association, which also has 20 years

of history. "Even though the oil industry has a competitive nature, we socialize together." The association's first executive was headed by Bob Paynter, and also included Bernie Goruk, Dave Kenyon, Gordon McCuaig and Ken Aarbo, who met in the winter of 1983 to set out guidelines and bylaws for the new group. They put together the first Oilmen's Bonspiel, held on March 23 to 25, 1984, on the premise that "since the ice was going out anyway, the oilmen couldn't hurt it." At that time, with a small community and a small oil patch, they doubted they would get 32 rinks, but ended up turning away an additional 20 rinks. By their fourth bonspiel, they were up to 44 rinks, as word spread of Elk Point's great hospitality.

The first Oilmen's spiel was won by Klinger, and Kachmar noted that Vulcan Electric won seven Grand Challenges in nine years. "Even our

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Making the Difference Members Rewarded \$356,000

We've had another year of strong growth

This message was relayed to member/owners who attended the 63rd Annual Meeting of SERVUS Credit Union in St. Paul on Thursday, January 23rd. Capital & Retained Earnings grew by \$1,440,595 which is a 15% growth over the prior year. The Board of Directors declared that \$356,000 be paid to member's common share accounts as a patronage rebate, reflecting the benefits of member/ownership. The focus of SERVUS Credit Union has always been, and will continue to be on serving our member/owners and our communities.



Servus Credit Union awarded the first annual scholarships at their annual meetings held in January of 2003. The recipients were Stephanie Parent and Colleen Ulliac from Plamondon along with Danielle Burton from

St. Paul. As the students were unable to attend, their parents accepted the \$500.00 scholarships on their behalf.

Louise Severin accepts a plaque commemorating her 9 years of service on the Board of Directors of Servus Credit Union of which the last 3 years were as president.

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"Welcome Back - Norman and Hazel"
Members re-elected Norman Gueutal (St. Paul) and Hazel Anaka (Andrew) to the SERVUS Board of Directors. Norm and Hazel will fill these positions for the next three years. Their experience will be an invaluable asset to Servus Credit Union.

"Welcome - Rod"
Newly elected to the Servus Board of Directors is Rod Tannas from St. Paul. Rod was elected at the annual meeting to serve a 3 year term.

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More from the Oilmen's

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chairman, Leonard, won it once, with Shamrock Valley Enterprises."

Kachmar noted that while the oil industry has had its ups and downs, "the spirit was always there. Saturday evening has always been set aside to celebrate with our wives and friends. Much has changed in the oil patch, but oil fever remains. Even Kyoto won't stop it."

He noted that many changes have occurred in the oil patch and "many have been initiated by you. Innovations

have been shared with other companies."

Russ Hebblethwaite recognized the efforts of Leonard Gadowski, who "gives 110%. He's done the Oilmen proud." Special thanks also went to Curtis Porcina, Gary Kulak and Stephen Kozina for their good ice keeping, Brent Mosely for his bagpiping, and the Class of 2003 parents who provided taxi service all weekend.

Following the presentation of the Oilman of the Year Award and other awards, a massive array of prizes were drawn for, with curler

and bonspiel treasurer Bryce Lorenson winning the 1954 \$1000 bill, Armand Houle and Norm Watts winning Oilers hockey tickets, Dallan Wandler a satellite dish, Stacy Walker a handsome art print and Jason Anderson a weekend for two at the home of Russ Hebblethwaite on Vancouver Island, complete with return airfare. Adella Jennissen won the diamond earrings and Kelly Rinas a beautiful gold bracelet.

Mike Breen won the golf weekend in Kimberley, BC in the square draw.



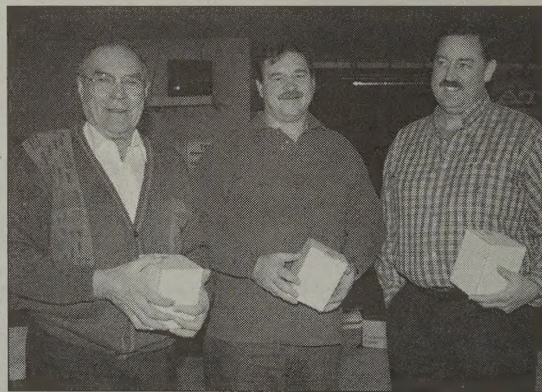
FIRST ROCK OF THE WEEKEND was thrown by Elk Point mayor Lyle Frisby on Wednesday evening as the curlers participating in the first games of the schedule lined up ready to get the 20th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's bonspiel underway.



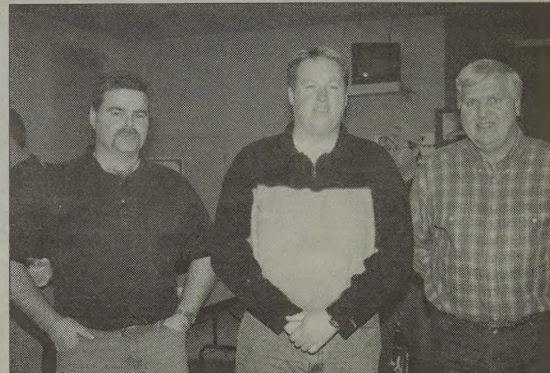
BAGPIPER BRENT MOSELY piped in Elk Point mayor Lyle Frisby at the beginning of Saturday night's bonspiel banquet.



WOW! THAT'S CLOSE! Terry Gusnowski measures the miniscule distance separating Doug Gilbey's rock from the button as Gilbey (right) hurries up the ice to check out his aim.



LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS were presented to longtime Oilmen's Association members Marshall Kachmar, Arthur Lypka and Russ Hebblethwaite.



DRAW TO THE BUTTON WINNERS were (left to right) Doug Gilbey, Mike Nielsen and Adrian Ewasiuk, whose draw prowess was awarded with major prizes.



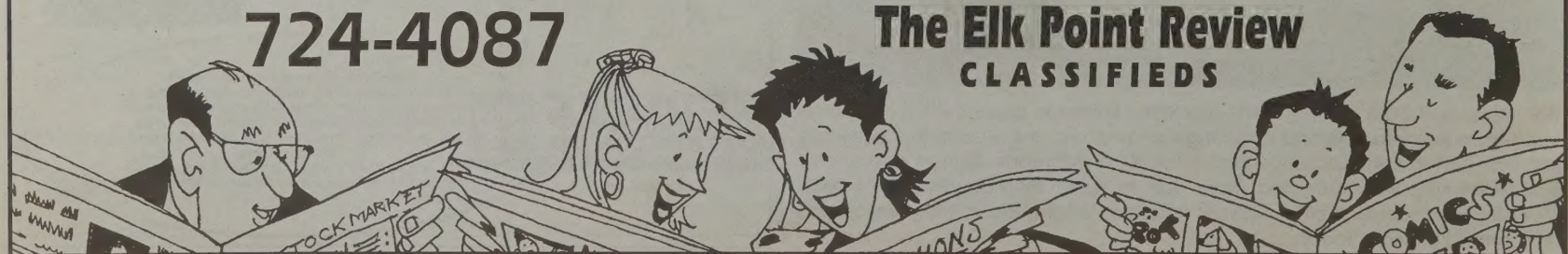
LONGTIME OILMEN - Marshall Kachmar and Bill Jennissen have seen many changes in the oil patch over the years.

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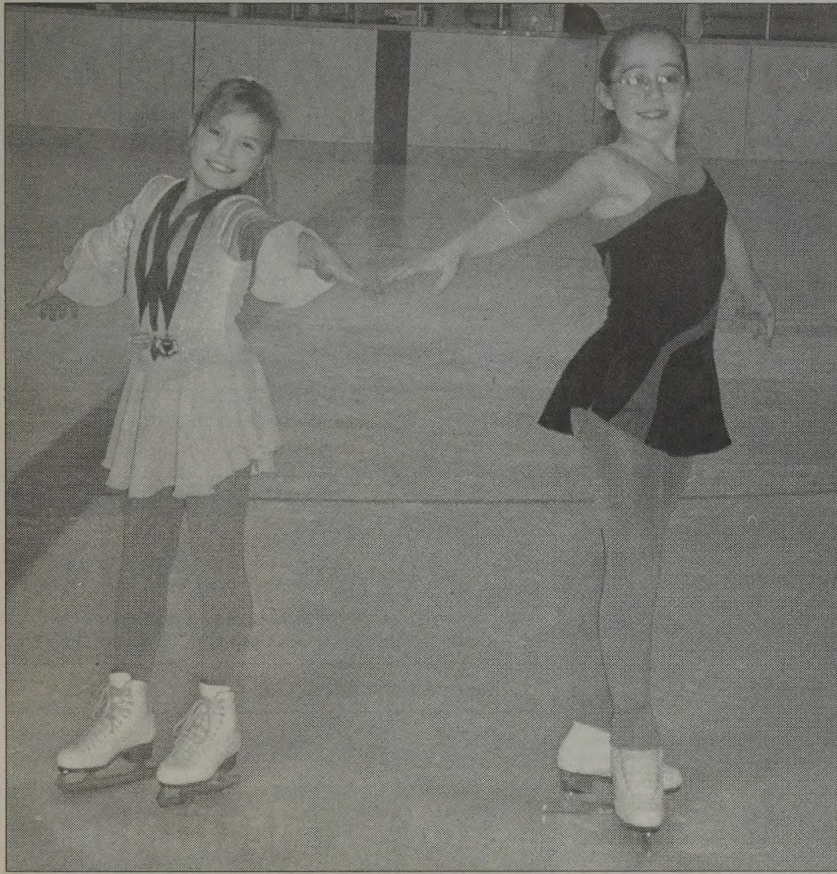
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MEDAL WINNING SKATERS - Seanna Ewasiuk (left) and Justyne Wozniak represented Elk Point Skating Club very well at the Northeast Regional Closed Skating Competition in Vegreville..

Local skaters win Regional medals in Vegreville

Two Elk Point skaters brought home medals from the Northeast Regional Closed Skating Competition held January 24, 25 and 16 in Vegreville.

Seanna Ewasiuk earned a gold in Ladies Freeskate Pre-Prelim-

inary, and silver in Ladies Creative Preliminary. She also brought home a silver medal from a Preliminary team event where she skated with two members of the St. Paul club, Kayla Gogowich and Jagger

Smyl-Joly.

At the Starskate North East Region Run-offs, Seanna placed fourth in Ladies Preliminary Freeskate, just missing a top three placement which would have advanced her to the provincial finals. Seanna turned 10 just two weeks ago and looks forward to next year's Starskate run-offs and advancing in the standings. Seanna is coached by Dennell Anderson.

Twelve-year-old Justyne Wozniak, coached by Sandra Lindenback, brought home a bronze medal in Interpretive Ladies from the Northeast Regional Closed Competition. She placed fifth in Junior Bronze Elements and fourth in Junior Bronze Freeskate, and fourth in Starskate Elements.



PRE-PRELIMINARY TEAM MEMBERS - Left to right are silver medal winner Seanna Ewasiuk of Elk Point, Jagger Smyl-Joly and Kayla Gogowich of St. Paul

Storm players star in the north's All Star victory

Sometimes you win and sometime you lose, it's part of the game. But losing in provincials is always a tough pill to swallow. The Midget Girls Storm know first hand all about it. They will tell you losing, it's not fun. Not fun at all! After tying Bonnyville 2 all here on Tuesday night, they traveled to Bonnyville on Wednesday and suffered a 2 to 1 overtime loss and were eliminated from going on to the next round. When you go into overtime anything can happen, and like I said in the beginning, sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. Maybe we expected a little too much from our girls, after watching them play so well in their home tournament we thought they could beat any team, after all Bonnyville is a very good team and should do well in the next round. And something has to be done about the 15-minute periods for female provincials, they play 20 minutes periods all year, then only 15 minute periods for provincials, this is ridiculous - it's time for a change. Someone step up and make the motion or it will be the same next year!

A huge success on Friday night when six Storm players were selected to play for the north team in the All Star game in Bonnyville, the north winning over the south

12 to 2, Eryl Anton Roberts with four goals and three assists, Kristyn Ballas and Karly Shankowski both scoring. Defense women, Megan Proski and Bret Hahn in on the assists. Winning goalie Kristen Campbell played solid.



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points, defeating Provost 7 to 6, Kameron Ballas with a hat trick, the "Big M" and Chad Nauss with two each, Dylan Loughran and "Dirty Harry" Harrison Maas with a couple of helpers, "the puck stops here" Brendan Bishop between the pipes in this one. This coming weekend, the Atom Avalanche will be hosting a six-team tournament, come out and check out this amazing young talent.

Thunder advance to round two

It took two games, but the Thunder will also be advancing to the next round of provincials, after they defeated Glendon 6 to 1 in Elk Point Thursday night, Nicky "the sniper" Myshaniuk getting a hat trick, Jason Kalynchuk with two, Mark "Moose" Ference also scoring, then winning the second game 10 to 3 in Glendon on Saturday.

Friday night the Thunder played a league game at home

against Plamondon, winning by a close 6 to 4 score. Jason Kaylnchuk with two, Brandon Holthe, Greg "Brick House" Kozicky, Jesse Kozicky and Scotty "Tank" Dallaire all scoring.

Tornadoes on the road

The Micro Novice Tornadoes were in Pyrogyville on Sunday playing in the Glendon tournament losing the first game to the host, a close one 8 to 7. Hat tricks for Logan Becker and Zachary Ference, Beaudon Rogers adding a single. The second game against Bonnyville # 1, the Tornadoes winning 9 to 8 Logan Becker with a hat trick, Justin Leppl, Beaudon Rogers and Jarred McGillvery with two each, Ryley Wozniak also scoring.

Hurricanes now 12 - 0

On the road again this past weekend, the Novice Hurricanes kept their winning record intact, now 12 and 0 on the season, defeating

the Vermilion Tigers by 13 to 0, Jamie Wozniak with four, Brendan Rainey with a hat trick, Trevor Ballas and Tori Becker with two each, Tyson Moneta and Skyler Ewasiuk adding singles. This coming weekend the Hurricanes are in Dewberry for their tournament.

It was a very busy week last week for games and I apologize if I missed mentioning some players' names. Another busy week coming up, tomorrow night, Wednesday, February 5th at 7.30 the

monthly Arena Operating Committee meeting, everyone is always welcome, then on Thursday, February 6th starting at 4.30, it's team picture time.

And now it's time to play the K. A. Campbell trivia question. When did CuJo get his first shutout? Last week's answer to: Who was the last player to play in the N.H.L without a helmet? The Oilers head coach, Craig MacTavish. Do you have any sport scoops for me? Now you can Email it to me at sportsound007@hotmail.com

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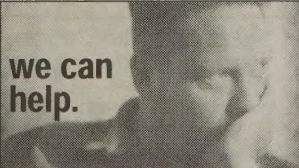
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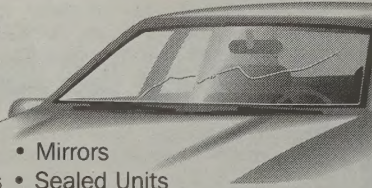


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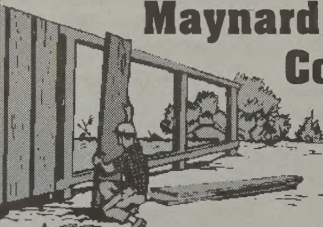
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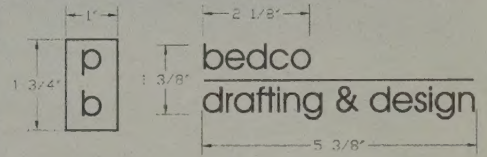
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Reminders:

Seniors Tea this afternoon at 2 p.m. with Valentine's goodies on the menu. Drop in and join us for good conversation over coffee!

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Valentine Storytime this Friday, February 7 at 1:30 a.m. for all the preschoolers.

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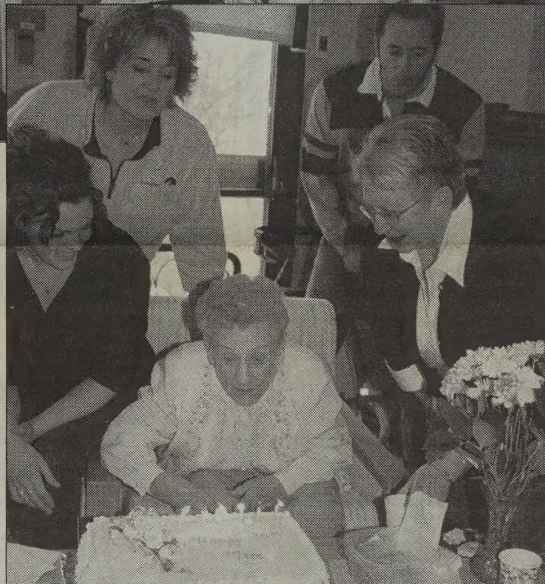
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Happy 90th Birthday!

GRACE BARWICK was literally surrounded by family as she got ready to blow out the candles on her 90th Birthday cake at Heritage Lodge on Sunday. Mrs. Barwick has two daughters, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



Dr. G. Miller - a heart surgeon's story

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skilled and dedicated nurses and anesthetists — who were doing 200 to 250 cases a year.

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been absorbed by the Foothills Hospital.

Although I am now retired from active surgery, I have been teaching medical students at the University of Calgary Faculty of Medicine. In addition, every Friday I do volunteer consultations on people with heart and circulatory problems at

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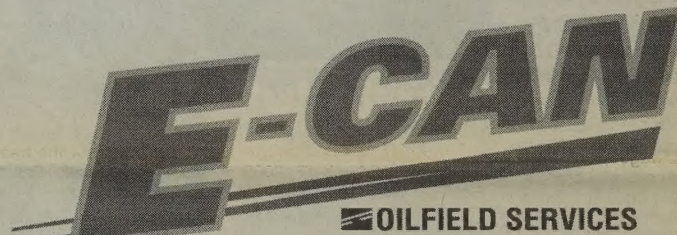
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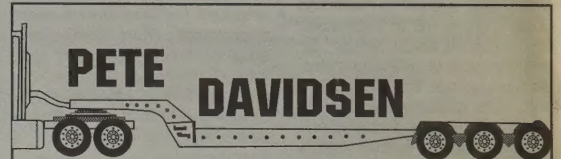
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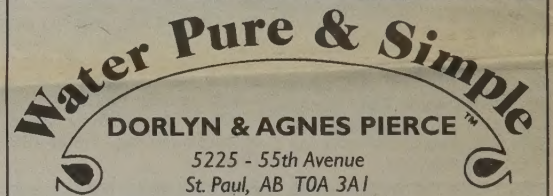


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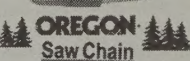
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